

**Illinois Early Learning Council  
Program Standards and Quality (PSQ) Coordination and Communication  
September 10, 2012 Teleconference Notes**

**Attendees:**

Amy Tarr	Janet Maruna
Bea Nichols	Jeanna Capito
Carol Morris	Joni Scritchlow
Cass Wolfe	Judith Walker-Kendrick
Cherlyn Shelby	Karen Berman
Christy Serrano	Kim Collins
Deborah McCarrel	Lauri Morrison-Frichtl
Eileen DeRoze	

**Welcome-***Jan Maruna and Jeanna Capito*

**Advisory Body Updates as related to IELC PSQ Work Plan:**

- IDHS Child Care Advisory Council
  - No report at this time.
- PDAC
  - Work has taken place to meet Goal 4 of the IELC PSQ Work Plan: ***Ensure early care and education practitioners are diverse, well-qualified, well-compensated professionals who nurture and support the development and learning of all children in Illinois.***
    - A faculty forum is being held September 20 to aid in increasing pedagogical and research-based knowledge of cultural and linguistic diversity.
    - Results from the Berkley Workforce Study and workforce data through the Gateways to Opportunity Registry and Gateways programs will be reviewed to develop strategies to address challenges of recruitment, diversity, retention, and access.
    - Statewide meetings are being held to develop strategies to implement cross sector Cultural and Linguistic Principles.
    - A well-qualified and educated workforce recommendation was developed and approved through PDAC.
    - Two recommendations will be presented to PDAC regarding financial supports for early childcare practitioners:
      - Illinois define competitive compensation for a well-qualified workforce for the field of Early Care and Education.
      - Competitive compensation for the Early Care and Education workforce be a priority for public and private stakeholders in Illinois.
    - The former Infant Toddler Work Groups have been invited to review the Gateways Infant Toddler Credential Benchmarks. A telenet will be held September 17 to complete the review of suggested edits.
- IDCFS Day Care Advisory Council
  - Committee is being reassembled. As of September 1, 2012, licensed providers are required to become members of the Gateways to Opportunity Registry.

- Illinois Agency on Early Intervention
  - No report at this time.
- ISBE
  - No report at this time.
- Head Start
  - A National Consortium has been formed; focus is learning from/about other states' TQRIS Systems.
- Chicago Public Schools
  - No report at this time.

**Update on QRIS Ad-Hoc Committee Work:**

- Meeting to be held September 11, 2012.
  - Committee is reviewing original application to make certain it is truly cross sector.
  - Committee is reviewing standards and how to demonstrate.
    - They will be reaching out for input soon.
  - Theresa Hawley is joining PDAC on September 14 to gather information on professional development priorities.

**Update from Systems Integration & Alignment Committee:**

- Cross-walking of work plan is underway to identify where the two committees can work together.
- The full committee has met once and is searching for chairs to lead committee work to integrate/align the Birth to 5 Special Education Standards.
- New members are invited to join the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee. Karen or Christy will share information with those interested.

**Additional Items:**

- Members of the former IELC Work Force Development Committee and former Infant Toddler Work Groups recently received invitations to join PDAC so they could continue to inform the work of the IELC PSQ Committee.
- Future Meeting Dates
  - *IELC Program Standards and Quality (PSQ) Coordination and Communication Committee Meeting Dates*  
 Monday, January 14, 2013 - 11:30 AM-1 PM  
 Monday, March 18, 2013 - 11:30 AM-1 PM  
 Monday, May 13, 2013 - 11:30 AM-1 PM
  - *IELC Program Standards and Quality (PSQ) Statewide Meeting*  
 Monday, December 3, 2012 - 10:30 AM-12:30 PM  
 Friday, March 1, 2013 - 10:30 AM-12:30 PM  
 Monday, August 5, 2013 – 10:30 AM-12:30 PM